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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 134 are set out in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/68/689 and Add.1.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 40th, 41st, 42nd and 47th meetings, on 13, 15 and 28 May and 30 June 2014. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/68/SR.40, 41, 42 and 47).

3. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, thematic cluster III: United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (A/68/327/Add.10);

(b) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/68/7/Add.26);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council, Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen, Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel, Panel of Experts on Yemen (A/68/327/Add.11);

(d) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/68/7/Add.27);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the

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General Assembly and/or the Security Council: thematic cluster III: United Nations Support Mission in Libya (A/68/327/Add.12);

(e) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/68/7/Add.28).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.42

4. At its 47th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council" (A/C.5/68/L.42), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

5. The additional amounts approved by the General Assembly in respect of special political missions for 2014 are set out in the table below.

Additional amounts approved for 2014 in respect of special political missions

(Thousands of United States dollars)

I.	Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, special advisers and personal representatives of the Secretary-General	
1	Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen	1 270.4
	Subtotal I	**1 270.4**
II.	Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels	
2	Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 217.3
	Subtotal II	**2 217.3**
III.	Thematic cluster III: political offices, peacebuilding support offices and integrated offices	
3	United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia	21 456.3
4	United Nations Support Mission in Libya	22 749.2
	Subtotal III	**44 205.5**
	Total	**47 693.2**

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.42 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

The General Assembly,

Recalling section VI of its resolution 68/247 A and resolution 68/248 A of 27 December 2013 and section II of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council concerning the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen, the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel, the Panel of Experts on Yemen, the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia and the United Nations Support Mission in Libya[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strictly abide by all relevant General Assembly resolutions and related internal guidance on the standard of accommodation for air travel in the preparation of future budgets;

4. *Takes note* of paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee;[3]

5. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[3] and notes that the guard unit of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia will provide "inner-ring" static protection within Mogadishu International Airport and that the associated costs are included in the resources for the Mission;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly for consideration at its sixty-ninth session detailed information on support requirements for the Mission provided by the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia;

7. *Decides* to adjust the resource requirements for military and police personnel relating to the guard unit to reflect the delayed deployment of personnel;

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[1] A/68/327/Add.10-12.

[2] A/68/7/Add.26-28.

[3] A/58/7/Add.26.

8. *Takes note* of paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and decides to apply a vacancy rate of 25 per cent for the period from May to December 2014 in respect of the additional posts in the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen;

9. *Encourages* close collaboration between the security and close protection operations of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen and the Panel of Experts on Yemen, in order to avoid, to the extent possible, any duplication;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[4] and in this regard decides to defer consideration of this matter to the main part of its sixty-ninth session;

11. *Also recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[5] decides to consider the question of temporary duty assignments at its sixty-ninth session, while maintaining existing arrangements in the interim, and emphasizes that such assignments are intended to meet temporary requirements for up to 90 days;

12. *Takes note* of paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[5] and decides to establish one Local level position in the Transport and Movement Control Section;

13. *Decides* to approve the total amount of 47,693,200 United States dollars net for the budgets of the five special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council included in the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

14. *Also decides* to approve a charge totalling 47,693,200 dollars net against the provision appropriated for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

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[4] A/68/7/Add.27.

[5] A/68/7/Add.28.